

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 14-20, 31, 32, drawn to an aircraft system; and

Group II: Claims 1-13 and 21-26, drawn to a fitting.

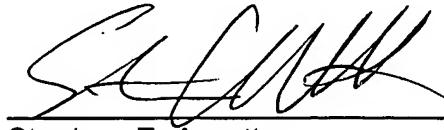
In response, the applicants elect Group II without traverse. Non-elected claims 14-20, 31 and 32 have been withdrawn.

Accordingly, the applicant has elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-13 and 21-26.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, the applicant expressly request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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